Claim 16, line 1, change "any one of the preceding Claims" to read -- Claim 1--.

Claim 18, line 1, change "any one of the preceding Claims" to read -- Claim 1--.

Claim 20, line 1, change "any one of the preceding Claims" to read --Claim 1--.

Claim 21, line 1, change "any one of Claims 1 to 19" to read -- Claim 1--.

Claim 22, lines 1-2, change "any one of the preceding Claims" to read --Claim 1--. L.f. Please cancel claim 23 without prejudice or disclaimer.

<u>REMARKS</u> The purpose of the foregoing Amendment is to delete multiple dependent claims, thereby minimizing the filing fee and placing the application in better form for examination under U.S. practice.

 $\widetilde{A}$  prompt examination of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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